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Cleaning Up and Rebuilding

By Lisa Aug, CFC Communications

No one was killed or injured in the tornado that struck the 4th floor executive suite in the CHR building Monday, and survivors have already begun rebuilding their shattered offices.

Seriously, moving the CHS executive staff to their new digs on the 5th floor went smoothly this week, but left the CFC Secretary's pod looking a little bare. We will be refurbishing the 24-year-old Secretary's suite this summer.

In the meantime we apologize for the camping-out look and ask for everyone's patience and help as we continue work through the Great CFC-CHS Floor Swap.



The CFC Secretary's pod looks bare this week, since the CHS staff has moved on to the 5th floor.

Pipeline, a weekly newsletter for employees of the Cabinet for Families and Children, welcomes reader comments and contributions. Items for Pipeline are due by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday Call (502) 564-6786 or send information to Patricia Boler at Patricia.Boler@mail.state.ky.us

Let's Celebrate: A New Beginning on May 25

By Dean Crawford, KAMES

Come help us celebrate A New Beginning for Quality Central employees next Thursday. We will have music, refreshments, laughter and companionship for all Frankfort staff. Although technically the celebration will wrap up last week's Let's Talk sessions, everyone is invited, whether you participated in the sessions or not.

The Quality Central Connections Team is sponsoring the party, to be held 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the CHR Cafeteria. After a week of questioning, venting, discussing and problemsolving during the Let's Talk sessions, the Team is ready for A New Beginning for Quality Central.

Team members will present a list of issues discussed during the sessions, and all staff will have the chance to sign up to be a link in the "chain" connecting Quality Central with field staff.

Dr. Mary Fox M.D., a mountain humorist from Pikeville who uses her experiences as a physician in her humor, will entertain staff during the party. Dr. Fox was selected in January as one of Pike County's 100 most significant people, and is a popular motivational speaker at schools, civic organizations, church groups and medical societies.

New CFC Online Coming

The next issue of CFC Online is due out in June. You can look forward to more articles and updates from throughout the state. This next issue will focus on foster care and adoption, as well as independent living.

May Days

Tuesday, May 23 is an election day. Employees who vote will be allowed 4 hours voting leave. Also, May 29 is Memorial Day. All State offices will be closed.



Postmaster Unveils Adoption Stamp

By Mike Jennings CFC Communications

U.S. Rep. Anne Northup and news anchorwoman Liz Everman—both adoptive parents—joined Louisville Postmaster Robert Lochhead to unveil the U.S. Post Office's new adoption stamp on May 12 at Jefferson Mall in Louisville.

The event was one of four Post Office-sponsored unveilings of the stamp held nationally. The U.S. Postal Service is following up by having 1,200 posters of the stamp bearing the toll-free number of the Special Needs Adoption Program printed for statewide distribution.

In conjunction with an adoption foundation sponsored by Dave Thompson, founder of Wendy's International, Inc., the Postal Service also planned to tape a public service announcement in Louisville featuring postal workers who have adopted children.

Everman publicizes the Cabinet for Families and Children's Special Needs Adoption Program through the "Wednesday's Child" segments of her newscasts on television channel 32. She also included parts of the event at Jefferson Mall in live newscasts.

Jim Wilson, a specialist with the Special Needs Adoption Program, said he was disappointed by the number of people who stopped by during and after the unveiling event to talk about adoption. But he added that the decision to adopt is so complex and private that it's hard to gauge what impact a specific promotional event might have.

The crucial task, he said, is to get prospective adoptive parents to start talking to an adoption professional, as the adoption process often seems daunting and prospective parents must be nurtured. That, in turn, "starts a personal relationship, which is necessary to find homes for kids," he said.

The adoption stamp can be purchased at any post office or ordered toll-free by calling 1-800-STAMP-24.

Sick Leave Needs

Janice Farler, an employee in CFC's Office of Technology Services, is currently on leave due to surgery. She will be off work for 4 to 6 weeks. Her leave balance will be exhausted as of May 19. If you would like to donate time, contact Diana Hemze at 564-1634, ext. 111

Helpful Web Sites

Compiled by Margaret Davis Harney

If you've found a helpful site you would like to share in this column, e-mail it to mailto:margaret.harney@mail.state.ky.us. (Note: This column is provided for

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Children

<u>http://www.lightspan.com</u> – JoAnn Knock of CFC's Campbell County office submitted this site, which she said is "a great resource tool for parents."

http://www.cwla.org - Child Welfare League of America.

<u>http://pcak.net</u> – Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky.

Health

http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prerel.html – U. S. Consumer Products Safety Commission's list of recalled products.

http://www.os.dhhs.gov – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

News

http://cfc-chs.chr.state.ky.us/cfconline/may2000/index.htm-CFC's new online magazine for all employees.

http://cfc-chs.chr.state.ky.us/chs/news/CHSNewsindex.htm—Health Services employee newsletter.

Miscellaneous

http://cfc-

chs.chr.state.ky.us/cfc/dcbs/dsr/directory/directory.htm—Community Based Services' online Directory of Service Regions, including directory includes addresses, and phone and fax numbers by region for administrators, associates, and supervisors. Contact information is also included for every local Family Support and Protection and Permanency office in the state.

<u>http://cfc-chs.chr.state.ky.us/kipda/index.htm</u> – Community Based Services' KIPDA Jefferson Regional site.

<u>http://www.kydirect.net</u> – state forms, applications and merchandise.

<u>http://kspsor.state.ky.us</u> – The Kentucky State Police Sex Offender Web site.

Welfare Reform

http://snril.ca.uky.edu/welfare/welfarereform.htm -- data by county on employment, poverty, K-TAP recipients and more. This site was created by the University of Kentucky's rural sociology department of the College of Agriculture.